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## **OHIO MAN SENTENCED TO 6½ YEARS IN PRISON AND 20 YEARS SUPERVISED RELEASE FOR POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

Jacksonville, FL - Senior U.S. District Judge John H. Moore, II, today sentenced Benjamin Paul Strieter, age 26, formerly of Jacksonville and now a resident of Ohio, to 6½ years in prison and a 20 year term of supervised release for possession of child pornography. Strieter was also ordered to register under federal and state law as a sex offender. Strieter pled guilty on January 22, 2008.

According to court documents, Strieter was identified by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") agents when he purchased memberships in a child pornography website to obtain videos and images of child pornography. On July 25, 2007, ICE agents and detectives with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office made contact with Strieter at his Jacksonville residence and took possession of several computers and computer disks used by Strieter to store child pornography. Subsequent forensic analysis of the media possessed by Strieter revealed that it contained over 2,200 images and approximately 597 videos depicting child pornography.

The case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney D. Rodney Brown handled the prosecution of this case.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood. In February 2006, the Department of Justice created Project Safe Childhood, a national initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorney's Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information on Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafechildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafechildhood.gov).